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SENATOR CHAMBERS: ...in addition to these other things that this bill is doing, it will raise the tax that the cities and villages have to pay to the state for their gambling operations. Isn't that true?

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Time.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Oh.

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Jensen. Excuse me, Senator, before you speak, Mr. Clerk, items for the record.

CLERK: Excuse me, Senator. Reminder, the Committee on Committees will meet in 2102 at four-thirty. Committee on Committees, four-thirty, in Room 2102. A bill, (LB) 729A by Senator Landis. (Read title.) Senator Don Pederson, amendments to (LB) 517; Senator Coordsen, (LB) 182. That's all that I have, Madam President. (See pages 2344-46 of the Legislative Journal.)

PRESIDENT ROBAK: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Thank you, Madam Lieutenant Governor and members of the body. I rise in support of Senator Brown's amendment. Senator Will did mention that these dollars are just a drop in the bucket to the cities. But really is anyone not going to play bingo if the tax is 2 percent, 5 percent, or 8 percent, or if the bingo card was raised to 5 cents a card more, or 10 cents a card more? I really don't think so. And these dollars that the cities do have, they're going to have to make up that revenue somewhere else, either that or cut services. And it would just seem to me that the city is taking a big cut here. If we're going to cut the state down by a half, I think it's only proper that that should be the appropriate amount for the cities. And so 1 percent, \$70,000 for the city of Omaha, whatever it is for the city of Lincoln and all the other cities that also have bingo, I think it's the least that we can do to help these cities out, because we have put a lid on them and they were depending on those dollars, and even though this is less, at least there are some dollars going to the city. And I don't think that it's going to hurt the playing of bingo anymore than a larger tax would be, but this is only what is